

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A metal load bearing cord comprising at least two metal strands adapted to bear a tensile load, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part wherein the at least one of said strands is interrupted and welded together, ~~wherein an elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands at said weld part is at least 30% of an elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part~~ wherein the weld part includes a welded part length, wherein said welded part length is at least 2.5 times a lay length of said metal load bearing cord.
2. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a force of rupture of the at least one of said strands at said weld part is more than 30% of a force at rupture of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part.
3. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a diameter at the weld part is less than 1.2 times the optical strand diameter of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part.
4. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, at least one of said metal strands is not welded.
5. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, only one of said strands is welded.
6. (Currently Amended) A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part wherein the at least one of said strands is interrupted and welded together, wherein ~~the an~~ elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands at said weld part is at least 30% of the elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part,

wherein the welded part includes a welded part length, wherein said welded part length is at least 2.5 times a lay length of said metal cord.

7. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical cord diameter of said metal cord is less than 14mm.

8. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 7, wherein the optical cord diameter of said metal cord is less than 2.5mm.

9. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical strand diameter of said metal strands is less than 5mm.

10. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 9, wherein the optical strand diameter of said metal strands is less than 0.9mm.

11. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a diameter of said filaments is smaller than 1.15mm.

12. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 11, wherein the diameter of said filaments is smaller than 0.25mm.

13. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein said metal cord is a steel cord.

14. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a force at rupture of said metal cord at said weld part is at least 50% of a force at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part.

15. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ an elongation at rupture of said metal cord at said weld part is at least 80% of the elongation at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part.

16. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.

17. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is an elevator belt.

18. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a timing belt.

19. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a hoisting cable.

20. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a reinforced rubber belt.

21. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a hoisting belt.

22. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a control cable.

23. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a window elevator cable.

24. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein all filaments of the interrupted strand in the weld part are interrupted filaments that are welded together.

25. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the weld part comprises two strand ends that have been welded together.

26. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 25, wherein the two strand ends are welded face to face.

27. (Currently Amended) A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part, wherein the at least one of said strands is interrupted and welded together, wherein **the an** elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands at said weld part is at least 30% of the elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part,

wherein a lay length of the at least one of said strands in said weld part is less than a lay length of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part.

28. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of the at least one of said strands in said weld part is less than 75% of the lay length of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part.

29. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of the at least one of said strands in said weld part is less than 65% of the lay length of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part.

30. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of the at least one of said strands in said weld part is less than 50% of the lay length of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part.

31. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein all filaments of the interrupted strand in the weld part are interrupted filaments that are welded together.

32. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the weld part comprises two strand ends that have been welded together.

33. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim ~~[[27]]~~ 32, wherein the two strand ends are welded face to face.

34. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, ~~wherein the weld part includes a welded part length,~~ wherein another of the said at least two strands is not welded proximate said weld part, ~~wherein said welded part length is at least 2.5 times a lay length of said metal cord.~~

35. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 6, wherein another of the said at least two strands is not welded proximate said weld part.

36. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein each radial cross-section of said metal cord includes only one metal strand which is welded.

37. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein no cross-section of said metal cord, taken normal to a longitudinal axis of said metal cord, bisects more than one weld part.